**Atmospheric Photo**



Title: Breakthrough  
  
Tags: clouds, sunset, breakthrough, atmospheric space  
  
I had taken a few pictures of the recent fog for this shot; however, after I photographed this break in the clouds this evening, 10/24/09, I was sure this was the best representation of atmospheric space. After a cold, windy October day, the sun made its entrance known by breaking through the fast moving clouds. I wasn't sure the sun was actually out at first; then I raced to grab my camera for this shot. I feel as though this shot totally captures an atmospheric space. I love how the gray clouds are still swirling at the top and bottom of this shot.  
  
I took a few shots of this scene from the driveway at my parents' home. I didn't really like them. I then walked onto the deck to capture this shot. My dad hollered, "Yeah! That's the one!" :O) Although I had to use the zoom for this shot, I feel as though it captures the essence of atmospheric space. I kept my elbows in at my sides and held the shutter down to lock the shot before completely taking the picture. I think this helped me capture such a clear shot of this breakthrough. I now can feel better about taking shots that require the zoom.

Self Evaluation

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| Composition | Photograph uses composition principles very effectively. | Photograph does a good job using composition principles. | Photograph does a poor job using composition principles. |
| Focus | Focus is a perfect match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is an adequate match with the concept of the shot. | Focus is a poor match with the concept of the shot. |
| Technical Aspects | Shutter speed and aperture were perfectly chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were adequately chosen to match concept. | Shutter speed and aperture were poorly chosen and do not match the concept. |
| Depth of Field | Excellent use of depth-of-field. | Adequate use of depth-of-field. | Poor use of depth-of-field. |
| Title/tags | Title and tags were perfectly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are excellent with no mistakes. | Title and tags were adequately chosen and written to express the content and concept. Spelling and word choice are good with only minor errors. | Title and tags were poorly chosen and written to express the content and concept. Contains multiple spelling errors or wrong word choices. |
| **Instructor evaluates this section** | | | |
| Self Critique | Excellent self-assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate self-assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor self-assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Critique | Excellent peer assessment. Written comments meet or exceed requirements. | Adequate peer assessment. Written comments meet requirements. | Poor peer assessment. Written comments do not meet requirements. |
| Peer Comments | Peer comments exceed expectations. | Peer comments meet expectations. One or two comments might be missing. | Three or more peer comments were missing, incomplete or poorly written. |
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| Total Points | >89% (45-50 pts.) | 80 – 89% (40 - 44 pts.) | <80% (<40 pts.) |

Critique Comments:

**Peer Critique**

<http://thesnapshots.wikispaces.com/Jacki-P9>

Name: Emily Smith

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Critique Comments: Emily-Jacki, while you did a good job capturing the "space" in the background, I am definitely first drawn to the face of your little girl. I would like to see more of the atmospheric space for this shot. My only suggestion would be to try this shot without her in the picture; that would be more of a true atmospheric space photo. I think you did a good job with the technique required to blur the background of your shot. Nice job. :O)

**Other Comments**

Donna, I like this photo; I have many photos similar to yours in my files for this class. :O) These atmospheric shots were definitely a challenge for me. Your composition captures the assignment well. As far as a suggestion, I think you could find an object to frame the atmosphere. Otherwise, I think you did a nice job.

Kevin, I love your "purple haze!" I, too, have been disappointed by all the recent rain. I have seen several shots that I would have liked to take, but I couldn't get the shot I wanted because of the rain. I especially like how the fall colors some through the fog in your picture. The only suggestion I have is to possibly get closer to your object to make the focus better. I'm not an aperture expert, but I think Mike's comments regarding aperture would also be beneficial. Nice job once again. :O)

Michael, I really like how the colors dance across the sky in your photo. I think you captured the atmospheric scene perfectly. I also like your other photo that you did not submit. It gives a different feeling to the atmospheric scene, a little ominous but hopeful at the same time. I think you have done a great job with your submission. I really don't have any suggestions except to continue to take wonderful photos!! :O)